

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Proposed Land Exchange  
between  
Bureau of Land Management  
and  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

Lead Agency: United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
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Project Location: Riverside County, California

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Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to exchange certain federal lands for properties owned by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. The selected public lands (5,799 acres) and offered Tribal lands (1,470 acres) occur within the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. This draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes and analyzes alternatives based on varying amounts of public lands to be exchanged for Tribal lands, as well as the no action alternative. The purpose of the exchange is to promote effective and efficient management of the public and Tribal lands by reducing the extent of “checkerboard” landownership, thereby providing the BLM and the Tribe with more logical and consistent land management responsibility in the Monument.

Comments: Written comments must be received by the National Monument Manager no later than 90 days after publication in the *Federal Register* of a Notice of Availability of the draft EIS for public review and comment. Comments may be submitted via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery service to the address above, via FAX to (760) 833-7199, or via electronic mail to [AguaCalienteExchange@blm.gov](mailto:AguaCalienteExchange@blm.gov). Verbal comments will not be accepted.

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